Obituary Reference.

MR: SPEAKER: Order, Order.

9 A. M. I have to make a reference regarding the sad demise of Shri Thariathu Kunjithommen. As Members will be aware, he was the oldest legislator in Travancore-Cochin having played a significant part in public life during the last five decades. He was a member of the Travancore Assembly from its very inception and continued as such also as a member of the Travancore-Cochin integrated Assembly. Throughout his career, he had striven his utmost to uplift the general well-being of the State and he was generally acclaimed as one of the outstanding personalities in the State. As a mark of respect to the departed, I would suggest that the House stand in silence for a while.

(The members stood in silence for a while).

Election to the State Board of Technical Education.

MR. SPEAKER: I have to make an announcement in regard to the election of three members to the State Board of Technical Education. Four nominations have been received. The candidates nominated are Messrs. T. T. Daniel, Joseph Mundassery, C. K. Ramachandran Nair and P. S. Vasudevan Pillai. On a scrutiny, all the four nominations, have been found to be valid. Since the number of candidates is more than the number of members to be elected, a poll is necessary. As already intimated the election will be held by means of single transferable vote in accordance with the system of proportional representation. The Poll will be taken in the Committee room between the hours of 10 A. M. and 1 P. M. to-day. The Assistant Secretary will act as the Presiding Officer. At 1 P. M. the Secretary will count the votes and declare the results.

Calling attention to a matter of urgent Public importance under Rule 66.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Prakkulam-Bhasi has given a notice which reads as follows:

"I wish to call the attention of the Chief Minister to a matter of urgent public importance, *viz.*, the functioning of the Taluk Reorganisation Committee constituted in the State, in the light of the Report of the States Reorganisation Commission, published.

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